

House Resolution No. 1792

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding Missouri citizen who has distinguished herself through excellence in education; and

Whereas, Dr. Shelba Branscum, an Associate Professor of Human Environmental Studies at Southeast Missouri State University, is the proud recipient of a Cape Girardeau Chamber of Commerce 2004 Educator of the Year award; and

Whereas, a resident of the Cape Girardeau area for the past thirty years, Dr. Branscum has been responsible for writing or co-writing grants/contracts which have totaled more than \$10 million, and connecting students and University personnel with the Cape and surrounding region; and

Whereas, Dr. Branscum currently serves as Director of the Hoover Center, which houses two separate programs designed for senior citizens in the area; and

Whereas, each semester there are 600 senior citizens involved in the Hoover Center programs, which include the Senior Alive Program, an adult day program completely funded through grants, and the Senior Learning Program, which offers fitness and computer classes to senior adults; and

Whereas, other programs Dr. Branscum has developed include Educare, Early Head Start, and The Horizon Center, a joint partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Church which serves developmentally disabled young adults:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Dr. Branscum at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing her only the very best of success in all her future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for 2004 Educator of the Year, Dr. Shelba Branscum.

Offered by _____
Representative Jason G. Crowell
Majority Floor Leader
District No. 158

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1792, adopted April 19, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker